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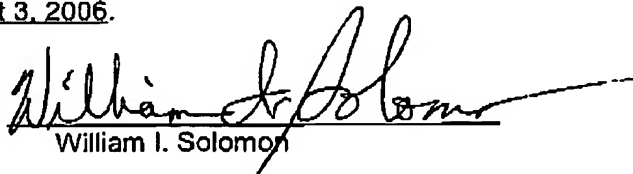
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Application No: 10/687,600

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Sir:

Enclosed please find an email dated May 3, 2006, from a third party, identifying U.S. Patent 6,766,817 as possibly being information to be submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application. While Applicants have reviewed No. 6,766,817 and have come to a conclusion that this patent is not material to the present invention, the identification of this U.S. patent is being submitted for purposes for satisfying Applicants' duty of disclosure. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing U.S. Patent 6,766,817 and the aforementioned email.

No. 6,766,817 discloses transportation of liquid using a porous material. In Embodiment 4 of the above-identified application, fuel transportation using a porous material may be related to the aforementioned patent.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, in an application that is not under final rejection or in which an Notice of Allowance has not been issued, and

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In which no other Communication closing prosecution on the merits has been issued.

For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), the following Statement is made  
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable  
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